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RICHMOND. VA. WEDNESDAY. NOVEMBER 28. 1900.

TRACTION CARS FOR MAIN STREET

Minority Report Adopted by the Council.

TWENTY TO NINE.

Long Drawn Out and Stormy Session

EVERY INCH WAS CONTESTED.

Counsel for Both Street-Car Companies Presented Strong Arguments. and Matters Looked Serious for

* Awhile, When Mercdidth and Guigon Locked Horns-The Session.

The Traction Company's cars will be allowed to run on Main Street. The Council so decided after a prolonged and stormy session last night. The vote was 29 to 9. Ayes: Adams, Bloomberg, Camp, Caskie, Allen, Garber, Glenn, Gunst, Hobson, Mc-Carthy, Miner, Peters, Stein, Tanner, Tee-

ston and Ebel. Total-20. Noes: Banks, Curtis, Gibson, Grimes Mills, Pollock, Shen, Whalen and Woody. Total-9.

fey, Wallerstein, West, Williams, Win-

Not voting, absent-Cottrell. Never before in the history of the city, perhaps, was as much interest manifested in any question to be decided by the City Council. Soon after 7 o'clock people began to gather about the City Hall. They first came singly, then in twos, next in flocks of half a dozen, and finally there was a

Sergeunt-at-Arms Ruskell, assisted by two policemen, kept the crowd back of the railing behind the seats of the members of the Council. This space was quickly

steady stream of citizens pouring into the

There were many prominent business men in the gathering. The crowd was so dense the people were almost suffocated, but they manifested their intense interest in the matter to be discussed by standing up for hours when they did not have room enough in which to turn around.

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The windows were filled with men. Outside in the lobby there was a great crowd. Some of the committee-rooms were crowded. These men could not hear what was going on in the Council chamber, and they discussed the matter among themselves. Many remained down on the ground floor, while there was a large sprinkling of people in the street. The neighboring barrooms did a thriving business. In one of

rooms did a thriving business. In one of them the people were almost as thick as bees in a hive from 8 o'clock until the Council adjourned.

Messrs, Benilss, Waddey and Meredith sat at a table to the right of President Ebel, and Messrs, Martin, Ainslie and Guigon were seated to the left of the presiding officer. President Patton, of the Passenger and Power Commany was in

Passenger and Power Company, was in the cloak-room.

Both companies had its enthusiastic advocates among the speciators, but it was apparent early in the evaning that the majority of the crowd was with the Traction Company.

The speeches received close attention of the control of the contr

and the remarks were occasionly applauded. Sometimes there was a little plauged. Sometimes there was a little disorder on account of the people on the outside trying to press in upon those who had standing room inside the doors, but the officers quickly restored order.

IN THE RING.

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President Ebel called the Council to order at \$105 o'clock and the following members answered to the roll call;

Messrs. Adams. Blanks. Bloomberg. Camp. Caskie. Curtis Allen, Garber, Gibson, Glena, Grimes, Gunst, Hobson, McCarthy, Mills. Miner. Peters, Pollock, Shea, Stein, Tanner. Teefey, Wallerstein, West, Whalen, Williams, Winston, Woody, and President Ebel.

rec'dent Ebel. The reading of the minutes of the previ-The reading of the minites of the previous meeting was dispensed with, but the clerk read the request for the call and the call for the meeting, setting forth its object to be the consideration of street car matters acted upon by the Committee on Streets Monday night, November 19th.

The clerk had hardly concluded the read-

ing of these papers when Mr. William Gib-son, Jr., a member of the Council from Monroe Ward, arose to a question of personal privilege and submitted a signed statement in reply to an article printed several days ago in the columns of the Richmond News. In which he was attacked for an alleged connection with the cir-culation of a petition in the interest of the Richmond Passenger and Power Company, The following is the text of Mr. Gibson's

MR. GIESON'S PAPER.

"An afternoon newspaper of this city having called attention to what it terms a 'curious' action on my part, I desire to state the following facts:

"As is well known, I am a member of the Committee on Streets, which commit-tee recommended the rejection of the petitions of the Passenger and Power Company to electrify their mule car tracks on Broad Street, and the Traction Company to be allowed to go on Main Street.

"Learning that a petition was being circulated by the Passenger and Power Company, in line with the report of the committee, and the name of the daughter of one of my personal as well as political friends being mentioned to circulate the same in the locality in which she lived, I foll that it mould be improper for her to felt that it would be improper for her to circulate a petition without the knowledge and consent of her parents.

"I therefore visited the father of the young hidy on the evening of November 21, 1900, asked him his opinion of the report of the committee in regard to the street car question, and was informed by him that he was in accord with the com-mittee, and that he thought the 'Whittet' resolution was a solution of the question

of better street car facilities. "I brought the matter of circulating the petition to his attention. He stated that

he saw no objection and that he would hand the petition to his daughter with a view to having her secure signatures. "This is my entire connection with the matter, and any other statements or suggestions are incorrect and misleading.
(Signed) "WILLIAM GIESON, JR."
THE TWO KEPORTS.

The majority report of the Committee on Streets, relative to the electrification of the Broad Street tracks of the Richmond Passenger and Power Company and the use of the Main Street tracks of that company by the Main Street traces of that company by the Traction Company, was presented by Mr. Pollock, and the minority report dis-senting therefrom in respect to the Main Street question was handed in by Council-man Peters. Details of these papers have

been given the public through the columns of The Times. The majority report of the Street Committee recommended the rejection of both petitions, while the minority report recommended the granting of the right to the Traction Company to operate cars on Main Street. The latter report was signed unconditionally by Messrs. R. L. Peters and Otway S. Allen, and conditionally by Messrs. J. H. Lawder and Harry C. Clenn, who, thought some amendments Glenn, who thought some amendments

Glenn, who thought some amendments might be desirable.

Clerk August started to read the ordinances, and Mr. Wallerstein moved that this be dispensed with until, after argument had been heard, and that the attorneys for each side be allowed twenty minjutes each for the presentation of his case, and that each citizen who desired to speak be granted five minutes in which to do so.

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companies should be granted unilimited
time to discuss the question, it being one
of such great importance.

Mr. Wallerstein offered to amend his
naction so as to allow Mr. C. V. Meredith,
representing the Traction Company,
twenty minutes at the opening and twenty
minutes at the closing of the debate, and
to grant Messrs. Martin and Ainsile, of
coursel for the Passenger and Power
Company, the floor forty minutes in the
Interim,

An amendment as to unlimited time for
argument was offered by Mr. Caskie and

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was adopted by a vote of twenty-two ayes to seven noes.

Councilman Winston, of Clay Ward, of-fered a petition signed by many of the frield year students of Richmond College asking that the petition of the Traction Company to operate its cars on the Main Street tracks of the Passenger and Power

Company be granted.

President Ebel, at this juncture, announced that any citizen present would be allowed five minutes in which to give his views on the questions at issue. This brought Captain J. M. Higgins, who came, e said, to present a petition signed by 850 tizens and veters of Jefferson Ward, asking that the Council adopt the ordinance allowing the Traction to run its cars

SOME ANCIENT HISTORY. SOME ANCIENT HISTORY.
Captain Higgins being the only citizen to sreak, the argument by counsel began. Mr. Meredith, of the Traction Company, making the opening speech. After thanking the members of the Council for setting a special time for hearing the railway question he said that he only proposed to touch upon the history of the old Richmond Railway and Electric Company on further than to show its relation to the new erther than to show its relation to the nev company. "I do not undertake to criti-cise severely," said Mr. Meredith, "what the Richmond Passenger and Power Com-pany has done for the citizens has done in the last six months. I do not think that it has done as much as it might have done. We all know of the outrages and abuses heaped upon the people of Rich-mend by the old company, and we do not think the Passenger and Power Company think the Passenger and Power Company can come before you and claim of you that it is entitled to the immunities and rivileges of the cid company unless it also bears the odium that attaches thereto."

Mr. Meredith spoke of the right given the old company to electrify Broad Street in 1888, when the old mule cars pravided the only means for transportation on that magnificent thoroughfare, and said the old company did not then come to the relief company did not then come to the relief of the neople. The leaving of the tracks on Pank Street abandoned some months ago by the old commony was referred to. Mr. Meredith saying that the work of tearing up these tracks and repairing the

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THE BUNCO CASE OF MR. CALLOWAY

William Lowery Was Sent on to the Grand Jury and Ba. Refused.

William Lowery, who was arrested ten cays ago on the charge of having bun-ceed J. H. Calloway out of \$500, was given a preliminary hearing in the Police Court yesterday afternoon and sent on to the grand jury.

Mr. Harry M. Smith, counsel for Low-

ery, made a motion for bail, but Justice Crutchfield overruled the motion, and the accused was remanded to jail.

The case was called at the conclusion

of a lengthy docket, at 2 o'clock, and it was 3:15 when Mr. Smith arose and said that he felt that it would be useless to put his client on the stand, as he believed it was the intention of Justice Crutchfield to send the case on anyway, and he asked that bail be granted.

Justice Crutchield said it was not in his province to grant ball in such cases. The first witness was J. H. Calloway. He told his story substantially as has been printed, except that he stated on the stand that the man Stanley, who had steered him up against the other men has borrowed \$30 from him with the promise that he would return it that evening, giving him an alleged due bill on the bar keeper at Dore's bar-room. He said tha Lowery was the man who was passed off

as the barkeeper, and he was the man who gave him the due bill. "On the Monday morning after I had drawn my \$500," said Calloway, "Stanley said he would pay me the \$30, and for me to wait for him at the Lexington Hotel I waited about ten minutes, and got tired and then I went down toward the saloon looking for him. I saw him standing near the door of Dore's saloon, and went up and asked him for the \$30. He said he would pay me if I would come in. I didn't want to go in, but I wanted my money, so

I did venture inside.
"When we got inside I saw Lowery. when we got misde I saw Lowers, whose name I did not know then, and a man they called Yank. Yank was a tall man with light hair. We got to arguing about the money, and somebody said that I d'dn't have any money, any way. Yank said he had more money than I had, and said he had hore money than I had, and exhibited a roll. Then I pulled out my \$500, and as I did so, Lowery grabbed it, Yank picked up his roll, and they both ran out the back way. Stanley said we were robbed, and I ran out the front door. I met a policeman on the street and told him I had been robbed, and he talk me he him I had been robbed, and he told me he couldn't do anything, but for me to go up to the chief's office. I did go up on a trot and told my story, and the detectives

went to work on the case."

Commonwealth's Attorney Richardson asked him if he were positive Lowery was

"I am sure of it," he replied, "He had a black moustache on when I saw him then, but he is clean-shaven now. I know he is the man, for he was standing behind the

The next witness was Barkeeper W. E. Acree. He said that he knew nothing about the affair, so far as the money was concerned. In fact, he paid no attention to the incident until Calloway came back there with the detective, when he recalled the fact that Calloway. Lowery and two other men, whom he did not know, were standing in the bar that morning, carrying on an animated conversation. He did not know what they were talking about, for he was standing at the citer stand in the he was standing at the cigar stand in the front of the bar, while the party was in

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ARBITRATION FOR THE TRANSVAAL

Paris Municipal Council May Vote for \t.

OVATION TO KRUGER

Large Crowd Massed and Cheered the Boer President.

HEARD HEART OF PARIS BEAT.

Vice-President Escudier, in His Ad dress, Said That Arbitration of the Dispute Will Impose Itself as Necessary Satisfaction to Justice and Civilization.

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, Nov. 27.-Mr. Kruger began a busy day this morning by making an official call. Before 9 o'clock he departed from the Hotel Scribe, driving in a landau, surrounded by Republican guards and bicycle policemen, to visit the Premier, M. Waldeck-Rousseau. He was accompanied by Dr. Leyds, Dr. Van Hem mel and delegate Fischer. The party was met at the entrance to the Premier's salon by M. Ulrich, director of the cabinet, who introduced the visitors to the Prime Minister. The interview took place in M. Waldeck-Rousseau's private study and lasted ten minutes. At half-past nine o'clock the Premier, accom-panied by M. Ulrich, returned the call.

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The officers of the Municipal Council of Paris and of the General Council of the Seine were received at 10 A. M. by Mr. Kruger in the Hotel Scribe. The interview was private and brief. Immediately after the visitors had departed Mr. Kruger drove to the Hotel de Ville. He received an ovation from a large crowd massed in the square in front of the building.

HEART OF THE PEOPLE.

Mr. Kruger was conducted to the debating hall, where he was given the arm chair reserved for representatives of governments. The Municipal councillors and the people in the public galleries loudly cheered the distinguished visitor. Vice-President Escudier delivered an eloquent address, saying Paris had given Mr. Kruger a welcome worthy of his noble character and the grandeur of his cause. He also said: "You have heard the heart of Paris beat. It is the heart of France. Let the people speak and speak loudly and arbitration will impose itself as necessary satisfaction to justice and civilization."

The President of the General Council spoke in a sirellar strain.

WILL NEVER SURRENDER. HEART OF THE PEOPLE.

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Mr. Kruger replital in energetic tones thanking the speakers for the sentiments expressed. He said he was derply grateful for the welcome, which was a continuation and crowning of that France had already given him.

The former President said he had been on a rising wave of acclamation. He was very thankful for what had been done and for what they wished to do for him and his people who were still struggling and wire not yet defeated. Their resistance continues and will continue. They will ever struggle for independence, liberty and justice.

Continuing, Mr. Kruzer said:

"Ah, why can they not hear your acclamations. It would redouble their courage."

courage."

Mr. Kruger also said he hoped they

Mr. kruger also said he hoped they would yet know them, one day in the future when they had recovered their thdependence. He regretted arbitration had been refused and he would never cease to damand it.

VOTE FOR ARBITRATION. The Boer leader was then shown through the superbly decorated halls of

through the superbly decorated halls of the Hotel de Ville. Once he appeared at a window and was enthusiastically cheered. As he drove back to his hotel he was given a warm greeting on the The President of the Municipal Council to-morrow will propose in the Council a

vaal dispute.

Hearl Rochefort, accompanied by a deputation including Deputies Mellevoye and Paulin Mory; Senator Provest Delaunay and MM. Coppee and Lemaitre. ent dispute to-day presented Mr. Kruger with a sword of honor destined for General Cronje, now a prisoner on the Island of

St. Helena.

Two Powers Only Acceded.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Nov. 28.—The Vienna correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says he hears that President Kruger has petitioned the Powers for arbitration under The Hague Convention; that two Powers acceded to his request, but that all the others rejected the petition.

ANOTHER PLOT AGAINST BOBS. Mine Laid to Blow Him Up While in

Church. (By Associated Press.) LONDON, Nov. 27 .- According to a special edition of the Evening Standard today, a plot to assassinate Lord Roberts, in which twenty foreigners are concerned, twenty foreigners are concerned, has been discovered.

It appears that the conspirators laid a

mine, which was designed to be blown Sunday while Lord Roberts was in church at Johannesburg, but the police and Lord Roberts' body guard frustrated the con-spiracy. Ten men, mostly Italians, have

> Report From Lord Roberts. (By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Nov. 27 .- The War Office publishes the following dispatch from Lord Roberts, dated Johannesburg, November

"As reports of a plot against my life will probably reach you, I think you should know the facts. It is believed that there was a plot in existence, and five Italians, four Greeks and one Frenchman were ar-rested November 16th, and are now awaiting trial. Their intentions were to explode a mine under St. Mary's Church during the morning service, held at 11 o'clock on November 18th."

STATE RIGHTS.

Georgia Supreme Court.

(By Associated Press.)

ATLIANTA, GA., Nov. 27.—The Supreme Court of Georgia to-day handed down an

important decision, affecting not only the war stamp tax, but involving a question of State rights.

of State rights.

The point involved was whether or not a lease contract which did not bear the thecial stamp required by act of Congress is admissible as evidence. The Supreme Court ruled that Congress, while it has the right to levy taxes through a stamp act, such as was passed by Congress, has not the right to preserbe rules of evidence for State courts, which would be conceded if a document not bearing a Federal stamp was denied admission as Federal stamp was denied admission as

redeath state evidence.

The court in the decision rendered by Chief Justice Simmons goes on to say that under our system of government the States retained all powers of sovereignty which were not granted to the Federal Government by the Constitution.

NEGRO SHOT TO PIECES.

His Body Riddled by at Least Two Hundred Shots,

(By Associated Press.) LAKE CITY, FLA., Nov. 27 .- A megro gambler, named Spincer Williams, was gambler, named Spincer Williams, was shot to pieces near this city to-day by a mob of men. Williams, who recently ar-rived from Pensacoia, last night shot and dangereusly wounded City Marshal Strange, and William Strickland, a bus-

Strange, and William Strickland, a husinest man of this city. The Marshal was trying to arrest the negro when he turned on him and fired.

As soon as the news of the shooting became known, citizens armed themselves and forming, followed the negro on horse-back and afoot, overtaking him this morning in a swamp. The negro was literally shot to pieces, fully two hundred holes being found in his body.

The body was brought into town and placed in front of the court-house gate where it was surrounded all afternoon by a curious crowd.

STRIKERS AUGMENTED.

Incendiary Talk Indulged in at Tampa, Fla. (By Associated Press.) TAMPA, FLA., Nov. 27.—Several hun-

red men were added to the striking forces ere to-day. These came principally from unorganized labor, and buildings in the

unorganized labor, and buildings in the course of construction are more at a stand-still than yesterday.

Much incendiary talk is being indulged in, together with threats that the Resis-tencia Union is to be forced from the factories if the general strike does not have the effect of bringing them out. The Fed-erated Trades Assembly has made arrangements for a parade to-morrow afternoon, but it is probable that this will be post-poned or prohibited.

STACKS TO SMOKE.

Repairs on One of the Ensley Furnaces Completed. (By Associated Press.)

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Nov. 27 .- The Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron Company has completed repairs on one Ensley fur has completed repairs on one Ensley fur-nace at Sheffleld, and has ordered the second Ensley furnace at that place re-paired. One of these furnaces is ex-pected to be fired within the next two weeks. The Jenefer furnace, at Jenefer, Ala., will be bet in repair at once. The Woodsterbiron Company, at Annis-ton, has determined to repair its three fur-naces there. When these furnaces are in

naces there. When these furnaces are in operation they will increase the daily product of pig iron in Alabama by at leas

WAR SECRETARY HOME.

His Trip to Cuba Was Highly Satis-

factory. (By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.-Secretary Root eturned from Cuba at 1:50 to-day. He had expected to reach Washington in time for the Cabinet meeting, but a landslide on the railway south of Washington de-layed the train five hours.

Mr. Root said his trip to Cuba had been All, Root said his trip to Cuba had been quite satisfactory. He had confined his inspection to the east end of the island, where he said affairs were in very favorable shape. His annual report, Mr. Root said, would be ready for the President about the time Congress met.

UNION DEPOT.

Plans Accepted for Handsome Building at Savaonah, Ga. (By Associated Press.)

SAVANNAH, GA., Nov. 27.-Plans for the granite and brick union depot, to be exected by the Plant, Scaboard and Southern Railroad systems, were accepted to-day. Architects from New York, Atlan ta, Charlotte, and Columbia were in competition. F. P. Milburn, of Charlotte

Work on the building, which is to be an imposing one, costing \$250,000, will be begun in six weeks.

ALLEGED PLOT TO SLAY PRESIDENT

Letter Written Hoboken Police to be Investigated-Secret Service Men

Know Nothing of It. (By Associated Prezs)

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—The police of Hoboken, N. J., havd received a letter alleging the existence of a plot to assassinate President McKinley. The writer of the letter gave in his communication the name of the alleged chief conspirator, which the police refuse to make public at this time.

The letter, which is illegibly signed, is

as follows:

"Sir,—Having almost thoroughly assured myself of an anarchist plot against His Excellency, McKinley, I consider it my duty to advise you of the name of one who is more than suspected of being a before whose whose found in the inleader, whose name is found in the in-closed slip. He is a fugitive from justice and a dangerous man, having been convicted several times, and on the last occasion being sentinced to five wears' r'sonment for an Anarchistic attempt, imprisonment for an Anarcaistic attempt,
"My statement can be verified on appealing to the Prefect of Police at Paris,
Franca. In the course of the past year
he had concealed with ithm a man
named Francois, the author of an
Anarchist amempt at Scranton, where
he mortally wounded an agent of the

police."
The writer of this letter, the police say, has been located, and his story will be investigated. Know Nothing of It.

CHINESE PROBLEM WAS CONSIDERED

Policy of Secretary Hay Was Approved.

NO PROTOCOL SIGNED.

This! Government Still Stands Uncommitted to Agreement.

NO RESPONSE FROM GERMANY.

Suggestions of This Government, as Embodied in Instructions to Minister Conger, Are Said to Meet With General Favor Abroad, Portions of President's Message Read.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, November 27.-The Cabinet meeting to-day was occupied mainly with a discussion of Chinese affairs and the reading of portions of the President's forthcoming message to Congress.

The result of the discussion of the last phase of the Chinese problem was a thorough approval of every point of the policy of Secretary Hay, and especially of the last instructions to Mr. Conger, which were forwarded just a week ago.

NO PROTOCOL SIGNED. While Mr. Conger has full plenipotenti-ary powers, and consequently by his acts at Pekin can finally commit the Govern-ment of the United States to an agreement, it is understood by the officials here that, so far he has not signed any protocol or preliminary treaty, so regardless of Mr. Conger's disposition toward the agreement reached by the ministerial council, the Government of the United States still stands uncommitted, and, therefore, is in a position to endeavor to bring about such changes in the arrangement as are deemed

NO RESPONSE.

Mr. White, our ambassador at Berlin, has not yet communicated to the State Depart-ment the reception accorded by the Ger-man Government to the copy of the instructions supplied by our State Depart-ment to Minister Conger. It is stated that these instructions, not

eing in the form of a direct - dress,would of necessarily call for a formal response. Private advices received here indicate that the suggestions of this Government as embodied in the instruction to Minister

GERMANY WAITING.

Will Not Reply to United States Before Learning Position of Other Powers, (By Associated Press.) BERLIN, Nov. 27 .- Andrew D. White,

the United States Ambassador, to-day reiterated that his recent interviews with Baron von Rictheften were a mere discussion of the Chinese question.
Germany gave no te sal, and does not
know whether she will make any answer
to the United States' suggestions.
The correspondent from various other
sources gathers the following facts:
Germany, before replying, wishes to
ascertain how the other Powers have received the United States' suggestions.
Replies are expected within forty-eight
hours. If Germany should find that grave
danger exists of Germany's isolation by
not heeding the United States' suggestions and insisting on extreme punishments, then Germany will answer the
United States favorably, If, however, Ger. Baron von Ricthoften were a mere dis-

ments, then Germany will answer the United States favorably. If, however, Ger-many should find enough of the Powers siding with her, then she will adhere to her original demands. Field Marshal Count Von Wuldersee

reports that Colonel Armstedt, with a small detachment of German troops, has left Tien Tsin on a punitive expedition to Wu Sing Hsien and Ian Sai, northwest of Tien Tsin. Colonel Yorck's column left Kalgan for Pekin November 13th.

THE SHORTS FRANTIC.

Trying to Swamp Philips With Grain on Last Day of Option. (Ey Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, Nov. 27.-Frantic efforts are being made by shorts caught in the Philips corn corner to swamp him with grain on the last day of the option. The way they hope to down him and get themselves out of a tight place is by reinspection of this week's receipts, which have been graded No. 3, one grade too low to pass on contract. "They won't get a car of it graded up."

corner on there is always a big demand for reinspection, but it never amounts to

Philipes came into the pit early and Philipes came into the pit carry and lifted the price from 49 cents, where it opened. Between 50 and 51 cents he unloaded 200,000 bushels, his total sales for the day being 240,000 bushels. His day's transaction netted him a profit better than

Other days this week are said to have been equally profitable to him. To-day's close was 50 cents.

RELATIONS ACUTE.

The Porte Persists, Outwardly, in its Same Attitud . (By Associated Press.)

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 27 .- The re lations between the United States Govern-ment and the Ports are becoming acute. Mr. Griscom, the American Charge d'Affaires, went to the Yildiz Palace Sunday and had an interview with Tewfik Pasha, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Thsin Bey, First Secretary at the Palace. The interview, however, was barren of

results.
While the Porte outwardly persists in the attitude it has assumed regarding the question of granting an exequatur to the United States Consul at Harpoort is reason to believe that the dispatch of the battleship Kentucky to Smyrna has nade a marked impression in official cir-

BOERS COMPLETELY DISPERSED.

Lord Roberts Reports a Number of Encounters With the Enemy. (By Associated Press.)

ters with the Boers at widely separated points, in which the British captured some cattle and a few prisoners and suffered slight casualties. The most serious affair was an engagement with the forces of General Delarey, numbering about 1,600 men, with three guns, who opposed General Ciement's march towards Reitfontein. The Boers, the dispatch says, were completely dispersed.

CZAR'S CONDITION.

His Majesty Continues to Improve According to Building Issued.

According to Builletins Issued,

(By Associated Press.)

LIVADIA, EUGOPEAN RUSSIA, Nov.
27.—The improvement in the Czar's condition continues, judging from the following bulletin, issued to-day:

"The Czar passed a good day yesterday.
At 9 o'clock in the evening his temperature was 97.9; pulse, 68. During the night His Majesty slept well. The Emperor's condition and general strength this morning were perfectly satisfactory. Temperature, 96.8; pulse, 66.

DANGEROUS PROPURTIONS.

Anti-British Feeling in Cape Colony Is Growing.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Nov. 28.—The Daily Mail publishes this merning the following glarmist

iishes this morning the following alarm.st dispatch from Cape Town:

"The anti-British feeling in Cape Colony is assuming dangerous proportions, owing to false stories spread of British barbarity in Orange River Colony and the Transvaal. Loyalists fear that the Dutch Congress next week will be the signal for a rising, and they demand that martial law be proclaimed throughout the colony.

"The situation is declared to be graver than at any previous period during the war."

MEN. WOMEN AND PISTOLS.

Wives Take Up the Quarrel of Their Husbands-One Man Killed.

TAMPA, FLA., November 27.—W. J. Bailey, railroad agent at Mango, shot and killed Paul Huet, a Frenchman, in a duel at that place. Huet, who was employed by Balley, was ordered to stop the work en account of its not being satisfactory. Huet became enraged at this, and, it is alleged. threatened to do Bailey violence. Bailey returned to his home for a gun. Huet ran to his home on a similar mission. Mrs. Bailey followed her husband, armed

with a pistol. Mrs. Huet followed her htsband similarly armed. When the party met, both men raised guns, it is alleged. and Bailey shot first, killing Huet instant-iy. Mrs. Bailey and Mrs Huet were, in the meantime, fighting with revo vers, Mrs. Huet severely beating Mrs. Bailey over the head and painfully wounding her.

After the homicide, Bailey coolly carried his wife home, gave her medical attention,

and then telegraphed to the officers to Deat of Robert E. A. Dorr,

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—Robert E. A.

Dorr, president of the Mail and Express
Company and publisher of that paper,
died at his home, in this city, to-day,
Death was due to a complication of
diseases.

Mr. Dorr had been in ill-health for about
six months.

THE END COMES TO SENATOR DAVIS

Died at His Home Last Evening at 8:48 o'Clock, After Long Illness and Great Suffering.

(By Associated Press.) ST. PAUL, MINN., Nov. 27.-United States Senator Cushman Kellogg Davis, chairman of the Committee on Foreign the Sanata died at his home in this city at 8:40 o'clock this evening after an illness of two months. He had suffered greatly during his Ackness and

gradually sank away, being unconscious for several hours before death, and, so far as known, suffering no pain. Since November 18th the Senator has been subject to dehrious spells. In his dehrium he raved of his Congressional work. He would dechare in vigorous phrases fragments of the nation's foreign policy.
Every day there have been received

hundreds of cable and telegraphic mes-sages of inquiry and sympathy.

After his return from the Maine cam-paign in September, Senator Davis was troubled by twinges of pain in one of his feet, to which he paid little attention, thinking it due to some neuralgic condition which would soon pass. He began an ac tive campaign in this State, speaking in Duluth, September 21st, and at Alexan-dria, Minn., September 25th, During the latter speech he suffered so greatly that he could not finish his speech. He re-turned home at once and was ordered to

ped by his physician. STEADILY GREW WORSE.

It was at first believed the case was one of blood-poisoning, caused by infec-tion through a slight abrasion of his foot from the dye of a black slik stocking, and surgical operations drew off the accumulation of pus. On November 11th kidney trouble became apparent, and since then the patient has steadily grown worse. Throughout the last week the Senator suffered little pain from his foot, which was healing nicely. His strength was kept up with stimulants, but the failure of his kidneys to act left his system im-pregnated with poison. His delirium last-ed nearly a week, and this morning he sank into unconsciousness, which lasted until death trought him relief.

WILLIAMSON'S SISTER

Arrived and Visited Miss Stuckey at the Hospital.

Mrs. Waverly W. Barbee, of Crewe, a sister of Charles S. Williamson, the young man who attempted to kill Miss Bessie Stuckey, at the Virginia Hospital Monday night, arrived in the city last night our the Norfolk and Western. She was at once driven to the hospital, where she was shown to Miss Stuckey's room, and spent

some time there.

A brother of Williamson also arrived last night. He came direct from his home in Spainville, and upon reaching the city went at once to the fall. He arrived there about 10:30 o'clock, but did not see his brother, as he had retired and was sleep-

> Made Saperi tendent, (By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—Otto Tittman, Assistant Superintendent of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, has been appointed Superintendent of that Bureau to succeed Dr. Pritchett, who re-LONDON, Nov. 27.—Lord Roberts, cabl-ing from Johannesburg under date of No-vember 26th, reports a number of encoun-Massachus its Institute of Technology.

LIVELY TILTS BETWEEN COUNSEL

Gattis-Kilgo Libel Suit is Interesting.

ORIGINAL SLANDERER

This Expression Figures in Speeches of Both Sides.

FOUR ARGUMENTS YESTERDAY.

There Are Seven More Lawyers to Speak, and Argument Cannot Posibly Be Concluded Before Thursday Night - No Adjournment Will Be Taken Thanksgiving Day.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 27 .- Seven more awyers are scheduled to address the jury in the one hundred thousand doilar suit of Gattle vs. Kilgo and others now in progress at Oxford. This was the fifth day of the trial and the jury heard argument from four of the attorneys.

J. Crawford Biggs opened for the proseeution this morning. He was followed this fternoon by A. A. Hicks for the prosecuion, and T. T. Hicks for the defendants. To-night Major W. A. Guthrie spoke for the plaintiff. Argument has been going on for a day and a half and only five of the attorneys have addressed the jury. It is certain that armument cannot be concluded be-

fore Thursday night, and there is a pos-sbility that it may be continued until Fri-day morning. Judge Hoke will not ad-journ court for Thanksgiving day. LIVELY PASSAGES. There were no sensational developments to-day, though there were lively passages at arms among the legal talent. The argument is very interesting and attracts many visitors to the courthouse. All of the speeches to the jury have been well

presented.
"The original slanderer" is an expression
that has figured in nearly every speech.
The prosecution use it in reference to Dr.
Kilgo and the defense aver that it is
most applicable to defendant Gattis. The argument to-dray was devoid of any specially notable features being merely a thrashing over of the circumstances of the Clark-Gilgo case and explanations of the law of libel to the jury.

NO TRIAL TRIP. Bay Too Rough for the Stockton Yes-

terday. A telegram received from Annapolis, Md., last night by Mr. L. T. Myers, vicepresident of the W. R. Trigg Company,

"Bay too rough for trial trip to-day. Every promise of a good day and run to-

The telegram was signed by J. A. Nelson, superintendent of the yards.

The Stockton is now at Annapolis, where
it is expected she will have her trial trip

MORGAN RE-ELECTED. Received Unanimous Vote of Both Honses.

(By Associated Press.) MONTGOMERY, ALA., Nov. 27.-Both Houses of the Alabama Legislature tovoted for United States Senator. John T. Morgan, receiving every ballot cast. The result will be formally an-

nounced in joint session to-morrow.

MILLS CLOSE. Coal Mines Unable to Supply the Demands.

(By Associated Press.) BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Nov. 27.-Two mills of the Republic Iron and Steel Company closed down to-day because of a scarcity of coal. For eighteen months he coal mines in this section of Alabama have not been able to meet the demands.

To Reduce Capital.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, November 27.-It was announced to-day at Newark, N. J., that at the annual meeting of the National Rice Milling Company, known as the "Rice Trust." to be held at Newark, N. J., on December 11th, an effort will be made reduce the capital stock from \$5,000,600 to

11.500 F00 E. A. Day, one of the company's counsel, said that, so far as heard from, no opposi-tion would be presented to a plan of reducion and reorganization.

The James River is on a boom, but no serious results are feared, though some anxiety was felt among the shippers yesterday. At the various wharves last night extra gaugs were kept at work removing goods to places of safety.

At 1:30 o'clock this morning the river was reported at Columbia as 24 feet and standing.

SUMMARY OF TO-DAY'S NEWS Local. -Traction Company wins its fight.

-Calloway "bunco" case in court. -Chesapeake and Ohio tracks cleared. -High water causes some alarm.
-More room for penitentiary. -In the political boiler.

-Want protection from peddlers. State. —A child burned to death in Newport News under peculiarly distressing cir-cumstances. -Well-connected young men take to robbery in Petersburg.

Virginia oystermen taken to the Mary-land shore for trial. Gener 1. -Cabinet discussed Chinese situation.
-Alleged plot to assassinate President
McKinley.

Foreign. -Plot discovered to kill Lord Roberts. -Boers defeated in several minor en

-Monongahela and Alleghany rivers rise and drive hundreds from their homes.

Paris Municipal Council will vote to arbitrate Transvaal dispute.

The River Stands.